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SUBJECT: CORPS OF ENGINEERS - SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY

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1. DURING THE RECENT VISIT TO U.S., CHAIRMAN MASHOUR MET WITH THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS. FOUR SUBJECTS WERE ADDRESSED.
A. SCA DESIRE FOR DREDGING ASSISTANCE.
B. AN INVITATION FOR SEVERAL CORPS STAFF MEMBERS TO VISIT SCA AND SEE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN REVETMENT CONSTRUCTION AND BREAKWATER DESIGN.
C. AN INVITATION TO PLACE AN ENGINEER FROM THE CORPS IN EGYPT FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON DESIGN METHODOLOGIES.
D. A VISIT BY CHAIRMAN MASHOUR TO CORPS FACILITIES DURING HIS RETURN TRIP TO THE U.S. IN THE SPRING OF 1978.

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2. NO ENCOURAGEMENT NOR COMMITMENT WAS MADE CONCERNING DREDGING ASSISTANCE. SINCE HIS VISIT, CORPS DREDGING REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN REASSESSED IN CONJUNCTION WITH INCREASING DOMESTIC PRIVATE HOPPER DREDGE CAPABILITY. BASED ON THIS REASSESSMENT THE DREDGE "ESSAYONS" COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD, CONTINGENT ON AVAILABILITY OF OTHER THAN CORPS FUNDS AND A DETERMINATION THAT THE

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ASSIGNMENT WOULD BE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST. TOTAL COST FOR ONE YEAR'S OPERATION IS APPROXIMATELY $10.1 MILLION. PARAGRAPH 7 OF REFERENCED MESSAGE INDICATES POSSIBILITY OF GOE FUNDING.

3. THE VISIT BY THREE ENGINEERS TO WITNESS THE SCA SOLUTION TO REVETMENT CONSTRUCTION AND BREAKWATER DESIGN WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO BOTH COUNTRIES, FOR SIMILAR PROBLEMS EXIST HERE. FROM THE CORPS' VIEW, MID-JANUARY WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME FOR SUCH A VISIT. CORPS OF ENGINEERS WOULD FUND THIS TRIP. NO SPECIFICS CONCERNING SUCH A TRIP HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED TO CHAIRMAN, SCA. DEPENDING ON EMBASSY APPROVAL AS TO THE PROPRIETY OF SUCH A TRIP AT THIS TIME, SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE INITIATED WITH CHAIRMAN MASHOUR TO SET A SPECIFIC DATE. PERSONS TENTATIVELY SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE AND THEIR AREAS OF EXPERTISE ARE AS FOLLOWS:
A. ERNEST DODSON, CHIEF, GEOTECHNICAL BRANCH, ENGINEERING DIVISION, DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL WORKS, OCE, WHO IS AN EXPERT ON CANAL BANK AND BREAKWATER FOUNDATION STABILITY.
B. BRUCE MCCARTNEY, HYDRAULIC DESIGN SECTION, ENGINEERING DIVISION, DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL WORKS, OCE, WHO IS AN EXPERT ON BANK REVETMENT DESIGN.
C. ROBERT WHALIN, CHIEF, ESTUARIES BRANCH, HYDRAULIC LABORATORY, WES, WHO IS AN EXPERT ON BREAKWATER DESIGN.
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4. THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EXCHANGE ENGINEER WOULD BE EXPLORED DURING TRIP IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE.

5. A LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO CHAIRMAN MASHOUR FROM THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS INVITING HIM TO VISIT CORPS FACILITIES SOME TIME DURING PERIOD 15-31 MARCH 1978.

6. REQUEST EMBASSY VIEWS ON THESE INITIATIVES AND CONCURRENCE WITH PROPOSED TRIP DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 4.

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